

# Congress Passes New American Units Law

With a comfortable margin of 10 votes, House Bill 1010 passed Congress today, building on the amendment to the Fair Packaging and Labeling Act that allows metric-only product labeling. The United States Senate had passed the legislation last year with only a narrow margin, allowing the proposed law to pass over to the House for a vote. The new law, which goes into effect Tuesday, redefines American traditional units in metric terms.

The intention of the law is to make metric transition more comfortable for older Americans who will still be able to use familiar terms during transition. Here is a list of New American Units:

New American Unit	Metric Term
New American inch	centimeter
New American yard	meter
New American mile	kilometer
New American letter size	A4
New American ounce	milliliter
New American quart	liter
New American acre	hectare

The foot becomes obsolete. Aviation now measures flight altitude exclusively in meters. The imperial gallon and the US gallon also become effectively obsolete due to their declining use in recent years. The economic benefits of global interoperability outweigh the nostalgic need for their continued use.

Metrication typically falls into one of three common categories:

The first category is the quick Big-Bang scheme which India prefers in the 1960s as well as several other nations including Australia and New Zealand since then.

The second category is to gradually phase in units over time and progressively outlaw traditional units. Industrial nations prefer this scheme, but it is generally less complete and slower.

The third category is to redefine traditional units in metric terms. Places like China where traditional units were ill defined and had regional variations found great success with this method. See [MetricPioneer.com/China](http://MetricPioneer.com/China) for a brief summary of China's successful metrication.

Texas Congressman LeGassy Stag-Nation who represents Stinkwater County led the opposition to House Bill 1010 and says, "Jesus gave America the inch and the Devil wants to take it away!"

Oregon Senator Willow Eve Lavoisier, who co-authored the legislation, led the fight to bring America into the modern era, and says "Adopting the International System would likely result in the creation of many jobs and better prepare the current and future workforce of the United States to work in the international marketplace. Temporarily redefining familiar terms is a stepping stone to eventually killing the inch."

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